



PATENT

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In RE application of K. SPURLOCK et al

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Group Art Unit: 2818

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Examiner:

For: DATA PROTECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND COMPUTER SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Additional Fee
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Additional Fee
x 18	\$ 0
x 84	\$ 0
+ 280	\$ 0
Total	\$ 0

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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
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- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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**Preliminary Amendment**

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Sir:

Please amend the application prior to examination, as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.